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Recommendations made under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

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Background:

Línea 133 is the national child helpline in Nicaragua. The child helpline is available in 24 hours per day. The telephone number of the child helpline is 133, and it is toll free for land lines.

Child Helpline International and Línea 133 make the following recommendations to achieve full implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography by Nicaragua.

Recommendation A

The government of Nicaragua should ensure that the child helpline can assist to address and prevent child trafficking, child prostitution and child pornography. To this end the government should

- Allocate appropriate resources to the child helpline to ensure full national coverage. Currently, the child helpline is difficult to access outside the capital city.
- Raise awareness in the country on the existence of the child helpline and how it can be reached.
- Allocate appropriate financial resources to support long-term activities of the helpline including for training and capacity building to meet international quality standards;

Recommendation B

The Government should recognise the important role that child helplines and hotlines have in addressing and preventing sexual exploitation, sale of children or child pornography. To this end the government of Nicaragua should:

- Acknowledge the helpline as a tool for child protection;
- Recognise Línea 133 as an important source for data on this issue and to inform holistic child protection policies;
- Facilitate cooperation between ministries, police and civil society on this issue;
- Cooperate with governments and police of other countries in the region and world wide to combat sale and trafficking of children and child sexual exploitation.
- Raise awareness with the general public on this issue

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